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DCI Item for Discussion at the 19 April USIB Meeting

SUBJECT: National Intelligence Publications (the NIE and the NIES)

1. The Director of Central Intelligence, having discussed the matter with the USIB, has decided to issue a new national intelligence publication to be known as the National Intelligence Estimative Study (NIES). Certain topics will be selected for treatment in this format rather than in the National Intelligence Estimate (NIE), although a few might require treatment in both formats.

2. Issuances in the NIE format will in future be governed by the following criteria:

- a. The intended users will be NSC-level policy-making authorities.
- b. Topics selected for treatment in the NIE format will be limited to those of high policy concern.
- c. The exposition will normally be structured in such a way as to illuminate policy issues and, when appropriate, the choices which may be open to policy authorities.
- d. Brevity; if backup material is required it will be published in separate annexes.

3. The NIES will be governed by the following criteria:

- a. The intended users will be officials involved in policy support activities below the NSC level.
- b. Topics selected for treatment in estimative studies will be of important policy concern but will not usually have the high priority of NIE topics.
- c. As in most NIE's of recent years the argument of the analysis and the supporting evidence will normally be exposed in some detail.

4. The procedures which have been used to accomplish inter-agency coordination of NIE's will apply also to the NIES, except that the NIES will not normally appear on the USIB agenda; it will be subject to telephonic concurrence within a designated period after issuance of a final text by the Office of National Estimates. However, if any USIB member has a serious substantive problem with a draft NIES, he may request that the paper be placed on the USIB agenda.